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By Representative L. Thomas

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to continuing education requirements for insurance
2 agents and brokers; and amending RCW 48.17.150.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.17.150 and 1994 c 131 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) To qualify for an agent's or broker's license an applicant must
7 otherwise comply with this code therefor and must

8 (a) be eighteen years of age or over, if an individual;

9 (b) be a bona fide resident of and actually reside in this state,
10 or if a corporation, be other than an insurer and maintain a lawfully
11 established place of business in this state, except as provided in RCW
12 48.17.330;

13 (c) be empowered to be an agent or broker, as the case may be,
14 under its members' agreement, if a firm, or by its articles of
15 incorporation, if a corporation;

16 (d) complete such minimum educational requirements for the issuance
17 of an agent's license for the kinds of insurance specified in RCW
18 48.17.210 as may be required by regulation issued by the commissioner;

1 (e) successfully pass any examination as required under RCW
2 48.17.110;

3 (f) be a trustworthy person;

4 (g) if for an agent's license, be appointed as its agent by one or
5 more authorized insurers, subject to issuance of the license; and

6 (h) if for broker's license, have had at least two years experience
7 either as an agent, solicitor, adjuster, general agent, broker, or as
8 an employee of insurers or representatives of insurers, and special
9 education or training of sufficient duration and extent reasonably to
10 satisfy the commissioner that he possesses the competence necessary to
11 fulfill the responsibilities of broker.

12 (2) The commissioner shall by regulation establish minimum
13 continuing education requirements for the renewal or reissuance of a
14 license to an agent or a broker: PROVIDED, That the commissioner shall
15 require that continuing education courses will be made available on a
16 state-wide basis in order to ensure that persons residing in all
17 geographical areas of this state will have a reasonable opportunity to
18 attend such courses. The continuing education requirements shall be
19 appropriate to the license for the kinds of insurance specified in RCW
20 48.17.210(~~(:—PROVIDED FURTHER, That)~~). The commissioner shall not
21 require more than twenty-four hours of continuing education per two-
22 year licensing period. The continuing education requirements may be
23 waived by the commissioner for good cause shown.

24 (3) If the commissioner finds that the applicant is so qualified
25 and that the license fee has been paid, the license shall be issued.
26 Otherwise, the commissioner shall refuse to issue the license.

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